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aggress \(\forall \)-gres\\(\mathbf{v}\) (ca. 1714): to commit aggression: act aggressively
aggres-sion \(\forall \)-gres-shan\\(n \) [L aggression-, aggressio attack, fr. aggredito attack, fr. ad-+ gradito step, go — more at GRADE] (1611): 1: a forceful action or procedure (as an unprovoked attack) esp. when intended to dominate or master 2: the practice of making attacks or encroachments; esp: unprovoked violation by one country of the territorial integrity of another 3: hostile, injurious, or destructive behavior or outlook esp. when caused by frustration
ag-gres-sive \(\forall \)-gres-siv\(\lambda \) abjects (an aggression) \(\sigma \) behavior\(\sigma \) behavior or outlook esp. when caused by frustration
ag-gres-sive \(\forall \)-gres-siv\(\lambda \) aggression\(\sigma \) behavior\(\sigma \) behavior gometrial as tending toward or exhibiting aggression \(\sigma \) behavior\(\sigma \) behavior ombative readiness (an \(\sigma \) signal as marked by obtrusive energy b: marked by driving forceful energy or initiative: ENTERPRISING \((\sigma \) as alesman\(\sigma \) 3: strong or emphatic in effect or intent \(\sigma \) colors\(\sigma \) cales in dosage or extent \((\sigma \) chemotherapy\(\sigma \) aggres-sively adv \(-\text{ag-gres-sive-iv}\) asym AGGRESSIVE MILITANT. ASSERTIVE self-ASSERTIVE mean obtrusively energetic esp. in pursuing particular goals. AGGRESSIVE implies a disposition to dominate often in disregard of others' rights or in determined and energetic pursuit of one's ends (\sigma \) staught to be aggressive in his business dealings\(\). MILITANT also implies a fighting disposition but suggests not self-seeking but devotion to a cause, movement, or principle (militant protesters held a rally against racism\(\). ASSERTIVE suggests bold self-confidence in expression of opinion (the more assertive speakers dominated the forum\(\sigma \). SELF-ASSERTIVE connotes forwardness or brash self-confidence (a self-assertive young executive climbing the corporate ladder\(\).

ag-gres-sor \a-'gre-sar\ n (1646): one that commits or practices ag-

agegrieve \a-'grëv\ vt agegrieved; agegrieveing [ME agreven, fr. MF agrever, fr. L aggravare to make heavier] (14c) 1: to give pain or trouble to: DISTRESS 2: to inflict injury on syn see WRONG agegrieved \a-2-grëvd\ adj (14c) 1: troubled or distressed in spirit 2 a: suffering from an infringement or denial of legal rights (~ minority groups) h: showing or expressing grief, injury, or offense (an ~ ples)

groups) be showing or expressing grief, injury, or offense (an ~ plea)

— ag-griev-ed-ly \- 'grē-vad-lē\ adv

ag-grieve-ment \- 'grēv-mənt\ n (1847): the quality or state of being

aggreved aggressive, provoking, or violent behavior 2 Brit: EX-ASPERATION, IRRITATION

ASPERATION, IRRITATION aghast \( \sigma\_{\text{sist}} \) adj [ME agast, fr. pp. of agasten to frighten, fr. a- (perfective prefix) + gasten to frighten — more at ABIDE, GAST] (13c) : struck with terror, amazement, or horror: SHOCKED agile \( \bar{a}\_{-j} \), -ji\\\ adj [MF, fr. L agilis, fr. agere to drive, act — more at AGENT] (1581) 1: marked by ready ability to move with quick easy grace 2: having a quick resourceful and adaptable character \( \alpha \) mind\( \rightarrow \) agile-ly \( \rightarrow \)-ji(\rightarrow \)-ie\( \rightarrow \) agile-ly \( \rightarrow \)-ji(\rightarrow \)-ie\( \rightarrow \) agile-ly \( \rightarrow \)-ji(\rightarrow \)-ie\( \rightarrow \) the quality or state of being agile \( \rightarrow \) in\( \rightarrow \) agil \( \rightarrow \) in did var of AGAINST aging pres part of AGE

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agism var of AGEISM agistate  $\ ^1$ a-j-,tāt $\ ^1$ vb-tat-ed; -tat-ing [L agitatus, pp. of agitare, freq. of agere to drive — more at AGENT] w (15c) 1 a obs: to give motion to b: to move with an irregular, rapid, or violent action (the storm agitated the sea) 2: to excite and often trouble the mind or feelings of public discussion of  $\sim vi$ : to attempt to arouse public feeling (agitated for better schools) syn see SHAKE, DISCOMPOSE — ag-i-tat-ed-ly

ag-i-ta-tion \a-jə-'tā-shən\ n — ag-i-ta-tion-al \-shnəl, -shənºl\ ad ag-i-ta-tive \'a-ja-,tā-tiv\ adj (1687); causing or tending to cause agita-

tion ag.i-ta-to \,a-j--tia-(,)tō\ adv or adj [lt, lit., agitated, fr. L agitatus] (ca. 1801): in a restless and agitated manner — used as a direction in mu-

agi-ta-tor \'a-j-,tā-tər\ n (ca. 1734): one that agitates: as a: one who stirs up public feeling on controversial issues (political ~s) b: a

who stirs up public feeling on controversial issues (political ~s) b: a device or an apparatus for stirring or shaking agait-prop \\(^1a-j=t-pr\) prap\\(^n = Russ, fr. agitatsiya agitation + propaganda \) (1935): PROPAGANDA: esp: political propaganda promulgated chiefly in literature, drama, music, or art — agitprop adj
Aglaia \(^1a-j=t-, ^1g=a-v\) n [L. fr. Gk]: one of the three Graces aglare \(^2a-j\) elgen\(^1a-j\) elgen\(^1a-j\) (1870): gleaming esp. with reflected light agleam \(^3-j\) elgen\(^1a-j\) adj (1870): gleaming esp. with reflected light agleam \(^3-j\) elm\(^1a-j\) adj (1870): gleaming esp. with reflected light agleit \(^1a-g\) elvi \(^1a-j\) more at aCUTE [15c) 1: the plain or ornamental tag covering the ends of a lace or point 2: any of various ornamental studs, cords, or pins worn on clothing agley \(^2a-j\) el\(^1a-j\) el\(^1a-j\) adv [Sc, fr. \(^1a-+g\) ey to squint] (1785) chiefly Scot: AWRY, WRONG (the best-laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft \(^2a-m\) end of the string of the string and the squint \(^1a-m\) end of the string and the string and the string agit and \(^1a-m\) end of a lace or point \(^1a-m\) end of a lace or \(^1a-m\) end of a lace or \(^1a-m\) end \(^

—Robert Burns) aglit-ter\adj(1865): glittering esp. with reflected light aglioux\adj(1817): glowing esp. with warmth or excitement aglov\adj(1817): glowing esp. with warmth or excitement agly-con \akin\n [ISV a- (fr. Gk ha-, a-together) + glyc- + -one, -on] (1925): an organic compound (as a phenol or alcohol) combined with the sugar portion of a glycoside lag-nate \ag-nāt\n [L agnatus, fr. pp. of agnasci to be born in addition to, fr. ad- + nasci to be born — more at NATION] (1534) 1: a relative whose kinship is traceable exclusively through males 2: a paternal kinsman

<sup>2</sup>agnate adj (1782) 1: ALLIED, AKIN 2: related through male descent or on the father's side — agnatic \ap-\na-tik\ adi or on the father's side — ag-nat-ic \ag-'na-tik\ adj
Ag-ne-an \'ag-nē-an\ n [Agni, ancient kingdom in Turkestan] (1939) TOCHARIAN A

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ag-nize \ag-niz\ vt ag-nized; ag-niz-ing [L agnoscere to acknowledge
(fr. ad- + noscere to know) + E-ize (as in recognize) — more at KNOW]
(1535) archaic: RECOGNIZE, ACKNOWLEDGE

ag-no-men \ag-'nō-man\ n, pl -nom-i-na \-'nā-mə-nə\ or -no-mens
[L, irreg, fr. ad- + nomen name — more at NAME] (1665): an additional cognomen given to a person by the ancient Romans (as in honor of some achievement)

ag-no-sia \ag-\no-zha, -sha\ n [NL, fr. Gk agn\(\tilde{o}\)sia ignorance, fr. \(a + \gno\)sis knowledge, fr. \(gi\)gi\(\tilde{o}\)sis knowledge, fr. \(gi\)gi\(\tilde{o}\)sis kein] (ca. 1900): loss or diminution of the ability to recognize familiar objects or stimuli usu. as a result of brain

damage

lag-nos-tic \ag-\nas-tik, əg-\ n [Gk agnōstos unknown, unknowable, fr. a- + gnōstos known, fr. gignōskein to know — more at KNow] (1869)

: a person who holds the view that any ultimate reality (as God) is unknown and prob. unknowable; broadly: one who is not committed to believing in either the existence or the nonexistence of God or a god — ag-nos-ti-cism \-to-si-zəm\ n

lagnostic adj (1873) 1: of, relating to, or being an agnostic or the beliefs of agnostics 2: NONCOMMITTAL UNDOGMATIC

Ag-nus Dei \,\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\nis-\infty-\ag-\nus-\nis-\nigma [Id-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\dal-\ag-\nus-\dal-\ag-\dal

a lamb often with a halo and a banner and cross used as a symbol of Christ

ago \3-'g\overline{ago} \adj or adv [ME agon, ago, fr. pp. of agon to pass away, fr. OE \(\bar{agon}\), fr. \(\bar{a}\)- (perfective prefix) + \(\bar{gan}\) to go — more at ABIDE, GO] (14c): earlier than the present time \(\lambda\)10 years

agog \a-'gag\ adj [MF en gogues in mirth] (1559): full of intense interest or excitement

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EAGER (kids all ~ over new toys)

Agnus Dei

1a-go-go \(\frac{1}{2}\)eta-(l)g\(\text{o}\), \(\text{o}\) \(\text{o}\) [Whisky \(\text{a}\) Gogo,

cafe and discotheque in Paris, France, from F \(\text{a}\) gogo galore, fr. MF]

(1965): a nightclub for dancing to pop music: DISCO

2a-go-go \(\text{ad}\)i (1965) 1: GO-GO 1 2: being in a whirl of motion 3: being up-to-date — often used postpositively

-agogue \(\text{n}\) comb form [F & NL; F, fr. LL \(\text{-agogus}\) promoting the expulsion of, fr. Gk \(\text{-agogos}\), \(\text{c}\) gein to lead; NL \(\text{-agogon}\), fr. Gk, neut. of \(\text{-agogos}\) — more at AGENT]: substance that promotes the secretion or expulsion of (emmenagogue)

Agon \(\frac{3}{2}\). \(\text{g}\)in \(\text{o}\) [Gk \(\text{ago}\)in \(\text{o}\) [Gk \(\text{ago}\)in \(\text{o}\)in \(\text{o}\) (1600): CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST (context).

expulsion of (emmenagogue) agon 's-gān\ n [Gk agōn] (1600): CONTEST. CONFLICT; esp: the dramatic conflict between the chief characters in a literary work ag-o-nal '\a-ga-n'\\ adj (1901): of, relating to, or associated with agony and esp. the death agony agone \a-gonise\_n'gān\ adj or adv (14c) archaic: AGO ag-o-nise, agonised, agonising Brit var of AGONIZE, AGONIZED, AGONIZING

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ago-nist \'a-g>-nist\\ n [LL agonista competitor, fr. Gk agonistēs, fr. agonizesthai to contend, fr. agon] (ca. 1623) 1: one that is engaged in a struggle 2 [fr. antagonist] a: a muscle that is controlled by the action of an antagonist with which it is paired b: a chemical substance capable of combining with a receptor on a cell and initiating a reaction or activity — compare ANTAGONIST 2b

ag-o-nis-tic\\_a-g>-nis-tik\\_adj (1648) 1: of or relating to the athletic contests of ancient Greece 2: ARGUMENTATIVE 3: striving for effect: STRAINED 4: of, relating to, or being aggressive or defensive social interaction (as fighting, fleeing, or submitting) between individuals usu. of the same species — ag-o-nis-ti-cal-ly \-ti-k(>-)le\\_adv

\a\ abut \a\ kitten, F table \ar\ further \a\ ash \a\ ace \a\ mop, mar \au\ out \ch\ chin \e\ bet \e\cent{e}\ easy \g\ go \i\ hit \i\ ice \j\ job \y\ yet \zh\ vision \a, k, n, ce, ce, ue, ue, v, see Guide to Pronunciation

